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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3093**  
Kazuyuki YAMANE et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_1232A  
Serial No. 10/506,571 : **Group Art Unit 1772**  
Filed September 3, 2004 : Examiner Brent T. Ohern  
  
METHOD OF HEAT-TREATING  
PACKAGED PRODUCT AND  
HEAT-TREATED PACKAGED PRODUCT : **Mail Stop Amendment**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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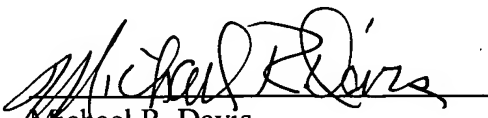
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 19, 2006, constituting a restriction requirement between (I) claims 25-42 and (II) claims 43-48, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, i.e. claims 25-42. This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of Group II.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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